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REPORT NO.

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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DATE OF CONTENT 19 September to 8 October 1952

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1. The following troop trains between 19 September and 8 October 1952:

| Date         | Number of<br>Axles | From        | To           |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 19 September | 92                 | Dranse      | Gardelegen   |
|              | 72                 | Schwerin    | Gardelegen   |
|              | 120                | Schwerin    | Wittenberge  |
|              | 120                | Neubukow    | Gardelegen   |
|              | 112                | Ludwigslust | Gardelegen   |
|              | 92                 | Wittstock   | undetermined |
| 20 September | 62                 | Hagenow     | Gardelegen   |
|              | 86                 | Hagenow     | Wittenberge  |
|              | 70                 | Hagenow     | Wittenberge  |
|              | 94                 | Dranse      | Gardelegen   |
| 21 September | 88                 | Schwerin    | Gardelegen   |
|              | 102                | Dranse      | Gardelegen   |
|              | 72                 | Wittstock   | Gardelegen   |
|              | 86                 | Schwerin    | Gardelegen   |
|              | 88                 | Wittstock   | Gardelegen   |
|              | 96                 | Dranse      | undetermined |

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| Date         | Number of Axles | From        | To             |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 22 September | 48              | Dranse      | Cottbus        |
|              | 88              | Dranse      | Schwerin       |
|              | 110             | Dranse      | Gardelegen     |
|              | 48              | Neubukow    | Bad Kleinen    |
|              | 84              | Wismar      | Bad Kleinen    |
| 26 September | 90              | Netzeband   | Neubrandenburg |
|              | 106             | Netzeband   | Neubrandenburg |
|              | 90              | Gloeewen    | Neubrandenburg |
| 27 September | 86              | Breddin     | Neubrandenburg |
| 1 October    | 92              | Dranse      | Ludwigslust    |
|              | 86              | Rechlin     | Frankfurt/Oder |
|              | 104             | Wittenberge | Rechlin        |
|              | 100             | Dranse      | Ludwigslust    |
| 4 October    | 100             | Dranse      | Parchim        |
|              | 114             | Dranse      | Wittenberge    |
|              | 120             | Dranse      | Parchim        |
|              | 118             | Dranse      | Parchim        |

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Wittenberge and Neubrandenburg are probably not dispatching or receiving stations but intermediate stations to other railroad districts, i.e. Wittenberge to the Magdeburg railroad district and Neubrandenburg to the Greifswald railroad district. 1 and 3.

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| Date         | Receiving Station |
|--------------|-------------------|
| 28 September | Haldensleben      |
| 30 September | Frankfurt/Oder    |
| 1 October    | undetermined      |
| 2 October    | Frankfurt/Oder    |
| 4 October    | Frankfurt/Oder    |

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Date

5 October

6 October

8 October

Receiving Station

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Comment.

1. These 17 troop trains carried units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps which moved to the fall maneuvers of the Third Shock Army in the Letzling Heath area. The information on the same movement [ ] included 16 troop trains. Their dispatching stations, however, could not be determined. [ ] It is believed that the troop trains to Wittenberge were redispached to Cardelsgen.

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2. [ ] Comment. It is not known whether the seven trains carried troop units.

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3. [ ] Comment. The troop trains [ ]

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[ ] probably did not proceed to the Greifswald railroad district via Neubrandenburg, but were unloaded at the Neubrandenburg railroad station. The unloading of troops at Neubrandenburg on 27 September 1952 was previously reported. [ ] Although no definite information on field exercises of units of the Second Gds Mecz Army in the area north of Havelberg-Kyritz prior to 25 September 1952 could be obtained, it is believed that these field exercises were held. This assumption is strengthened by the fact that the same area was repeatedly used for training by units of the same army during the summer of 1952. The field exercises probably coincided with these of other components of the 12th Gds Tank Div, which were held in the Rheinsberg-Mirow area.

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4. [ ] Comment. Although no observations are available on the return of components of the 18th Mecz Div from the Schweinrich troop training grounds to their home stations in Ludwigslust and Parchin, the data in the present report are confirmed by several indications on the return movement of this division from the Schweinrich troop training grounds between late September and 4 October 1952.

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